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SUPPLEMENT

1. Upper-Lower Silesia: The HQ of the WOP unit ("Oddzial") is quartered in barracks formerly used by the German Army. It is subordinate to the military District HQ (DOW) Wrocław (Breslau).

- a. The commanding officer is a Russian lieutenant colonel who wears Russian uniform. (Until April 1946, the commanding officer was Lt. Col. Kulchinski, a Russian, about 45 years old.)
- b. The Chief of Staff of the unit is Major Michalski, who is about 38 years old, and who supposedly was in the Polish Army before the war. He comes from the vicinity of Ostrow Wielkopolski. Up to March 1946, he was commanding officer of the WOP Sector No. 3.
- c. The Chief of Signals of the unit is Major Rusakevich, a Russian, about 30 years old, who wears Polish uniform.

The composition of WOP unit No. 1 is as follows:

Sukierska Porcha	--	WOP Sector No. 1
Lesna	--	WOP Sector No. 2
Rychwald	--	WOP Sector No. 3
Zgorzelice	--	WOP Sector No. 4
?	--	WOP Sector No. 5

A sector corresponds to a battalion.

2. Rychwald: WOP Sector HQ No. 3. A certificate of military service, issued in May 1946, contains the following particulars:

1. Heading: Military unit No. 52158.
2. A round stamp with an eagle: Military unit No. 1762.

The strength of the sector is about 200 men:

1. The commanding officer is Lieutenant Wladyslaw Waternan (?), a Pole from the Wilna district, about 25 years of age.
2. His deputy for political matters is Lieutenant Czaplinski, a Pole from Western Poland (Wielkopolska), who enlisted in the Polish Army beyond the River Bug, where he was beaten in wartime conditions. About 25 years old. In consequence of a recent motor vehicle accident, he was replaced by a Captain from Lwow.

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3. The Deputy commanding officer for Field Service is Captain Henslik, a Jew, about 23 years old. In July 1946 he was transferred to Luban, where he is training recruits of the 1925 class.
4. The Chief of Staff is Lieutenant Wroblewski, about 35 years old. He was a lieutenant before the war. At the beginning of August 1939 he deserted while on leave. (Captain Rudenko, a Russian, was Chief of Staff before him. He was transferred to WOP Unit No. I, and appointed Chief of Staff).
5. The Deputy Chief of Staff, 2nd Lt Charlewicz, comes from Podole (Southeastern Poland). He is about 26 years of age.
6. Chief of Intelligence: 2nd Lt Jagodzinski, since August 1946. He supervises the work generally, and concentrates on questions concerning the civilian population).
7. Intelligence officer: 2nd Lt Juszczyński, probably from Warsaw, about 20 years old. He deals with purely military matters, such as discipline over the soldiers and manning of posts.
8. The so-called 1st Intelligence officer, 2/Lt Kulma, from the Lublin district, is about 21 years old. He deals with civilians crossing the frontier and less important cases.
9. The investigating officer, 2nd Lt. Boleslaw Karlaszewski, is supposed to come from Upper Silesia (Katowice); a member of Marshall Rola Army, about 21 years old.
10. Chief of the Secret Office: 2nd Lt Klucznik, from east of the Bug, about 23 years of age.
11. Chief of the General Office: 2nd Lt Popiel from the neighborhood of Tarnopol, about 21 years old.
12. Quartermaster: Captain Makasin, a Russian, about 30 years old. He usually wears Russian uniform, but occasionally Polish uniform.
13. Administrative Platoon: 2nd Lt Szoltingier.
14. Commander's Platoon (Military Police): Sergeant Malkowski. The strength of the platoon is 12 men.
15. Chief of Signals: 2nd Lt Czeslaw Gajowlak from the Lublin district, about 30 years old.
16. C.O., Signals Platoon: 2nd Lt Deren from the Tarnopol district, about 24 years old. He is a tailor by profession. The establishment of the Signals Platoon comprises 12 NCOs and 26 ORs. The real strength however, amounts to four NCOs and 12 ORs.

The signals equipment is as follows:

1. Equipment in store:

Eight transmitter-receivers "RSB 13" (the range of working is 28 km while using the key, and about 15 km when the radio telephone is used). They are of the

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knapsack type. The wireless sets are weak. The power is drawn from the accumulator, which is fitted into the box-knapsack. One man operates a radio set.

One switchboard with eight extensions.

Six field telephone sets, four of the Russian type and two of the German type).

Twelve drums of cable (Russian and German) about seven km long.

2. Equipment which has been installed: One telephone switchboard having 16 extensions; all of them are in use. This equipment is of a German type. Also 16 field sets of a Russian type.

4. The sector is divided into five posts (straznica):

No. 11 - Krolewszczyzna (Königsheim)  
 No. 12 - Magesdorf  
 No. 13 - Zagorze  
 No. 14 - Hirschfelde (Jelenia Gora)  
 No. 15 - Pogorze, by the main road from Rychnwald to Szymbark.

Posts No. 11 and 12 are situated at the Czechoslovak frontier. Post No. 13 is at the spot where the Czechoslovak and German frontiers meet. Posts No. 14 and 15 are at the German frontier.

Each post controls a sector about eight to twelve km long. Its strength amounts to 30-35 men.

5. Since August 1946, the soldiers' pay per 10 days has been raised. It amounts at present to:

100 zlotys	-	for a private		
150 "	-	for a private first class not specially employed.	"	"
300 "	-	for a corporal	"	"
350 "	-	for a sergeant	"	"
450 "	-	for a sergeant major	"	"

A soldier specially employed is granted additional pay amounting to 35-50 zlotys, according to the nature of his employment. If he carries out duties for which a higher rank is allowed in the table of organization, he gets the pay of the higher rank; e.g. a radio-operator having the rank of corporal but carrying out the duties of a sergeant receives:

A corporal's pay	-	300 zlotys
Difference between corporal's		
and sergeant's pay	-	50 "
Special employment pay	-	40 "
Total:		390 "

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